

## Matthew 5:1-12 – The Beatitudes

### Introduction

A. Last week...

B. “He sat down” (Matthew 5:1)

1. In Jewish culture, the more \_\_\_\_\_ times of teaching took place when the teachers sat down.
  - a. Mark 4:1 – He began to teach again by the sea. And such a very large crowd gathered to Him that He got into a boat in the sea and **sat down**.
  - b. Mark 9:35 – **Sitting down**, He called the twelve and said to them, “If anyone wants to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all.
  - c. Luke 4:20 – And He closed the book, gave it back to the attendant and **sat down**; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him.
  - d. Luke 5:3 – And He **sat down** and began teaching the people from the boat.
  - e. John 8:2 – Early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people were coming to Him; and He **sat down** and began to teach them.
  - f. Matthew 26:55 – At that time Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest Me as you would against a robber? Every day I used to **sit** in the temple teaching and you did not seize Me.
  - g. Matthew 23:2 – “The scribes and the Pharisees have **seated** themselves in the **chair** of Moses.”
2. When Jesus sits down, it’s a statement of His \_\_\_\_\_ as a teacher.
3. When Jesus sits down, it’s a \_\_\_\_\_ to the disciples (see 5:1b)!

C. “He opened His mouth” (Matthew 5:2)

1. This is another formal sign of the \_\_\_\_\_ of all that Jesus says.
2. Matthew 17:5 – While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; *listen to Him!*”

I. What does Jesus mean when He says “Blessed are...”?

A. \_\_\_\_\_ are? (But see 5:4, 10-11)

B. \_\_\_\_\_ are?

C. Beatitude? – From a Latin word meaning “a state of utmost bliss.”

- D. “Blessed” is not primarily about \_\_\_\_\_ (subjective).  
It’s about our \_\_\_\_\_ in life – the *state* that we are in (objective).
- E. “Blessed are the poor in spirit” = “A \_\_\_\_\_ have all those who are poor in spirit.”
1. Luke 11:27-28 – One of the women in the crowd raised her voice and said to [Jesus], “Blessed is the womb that bore You and the breasts at which You nursed.”
  2. Matthew 13:16 – Blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear.
- F. Someone who has a happy estate is someone who is greatly \_\_\_\_\_.
1. Matthew 16:17 – Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.
  2. Luke 14:15 – Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!
- G. Someone who has a happy estate is someone who is in an \_\_\_\_\_.
1. Luke 1:48 – [God] has had regard for the humble state of His bondservant; for behold, from this time on all generations will count me blessed.
  2. Luke 1:42 – And [Elizabeth] cried out with a loud voice and said, “Blessed are you among women!”
  3. Contrast 1 Corinthians 15:19
- H. Someone who has a happy estate is someone who is in a \_\_\_\_\_.
1. Psalm 1:1 – How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers!
  2. Psalm 128:1 – How blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in His ways.
  3. Psalm 40:4 – How blessed is the man who has made the LORD his trust.
  4. Luke 7:23 – Blessed is he who does not take offense at Me.
- I. Someone who has a happy estate is someone who is *very* \_\_\_\_\_.
1. Luke 23:29 – For behold, the days are coming when they will say, “Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.”
  2. Psalm 32:1-2 – How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered! How blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit!
  3. James 5:11 – We count those blessed who endured. You have heard of the endurance of Job and have seen the outcome of the Lord’s dealings, that the Lord is full of compassion and is merciful.
- J. When Jesus says “Blessed are” His point is that our \_\_\_\_\_ IS a \_\_\_\_\_ one!

## II. Why is our estate a happy one?

- ✓ (a.) ...for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
  - (b.) ...for they shall be comforted.
  - (c.) ...for they shall inherit the earth.
  - (d.) ...for they shall be satisfied.
  - (e.) ...for they shall receive mercy.
  - (f.) ...for they shall see God.
  - (g.) ...for they shall be called sons of God.
- (h.) ...for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

1. (a.) Our estate is a happy one *because* ours is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_!
2. (b.-g.) Here are some more specific \_\_\_\_\_ about this happy estate.
3. (h.) Remember that all of these things are simply the \_\_\_\_\_ of your happy estate as citizens of the kingdom of heaven!”

### Conclusion

- A. What is it that the knowledge of our happy estate ought to produce in us?
1. An awe inspired \_\_\_\_\_ that manifests itself in \_\_\_\_\_!  
(Matthew 5:11-12)
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ you have such a happy estate (fact), then you \_\_\_\_\_ to rejoice and be glad (exhortation)!
  3. When we “discover [our] *happy estate* in being taken from ‘under the law,’ and brought under the dominion of ‘grace,’ [we] may assume great encouragement to [ourselves] to proceed more *cheerfully* in ‘running the race set before [us].”  
(John Owen)
- B. Our happy estate is not ultimately found in...
- C. Our happy estate is found in our \_\_\_\_\_ as citizens of the kingdom of heaven.
1. Matthew 11:11 – Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen anyone greater than John the Baptist! Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.
  2. As Christians living in the world, we are sometimes tempted to have a \_\_\_\_\_ complex.
  3. As citizens of the kingdom of heaven, we ought to practice saying things like this:
    - a. Blessed am I!
    - b. How very fortunate am I!
    - c. What a happy estate is mine!
    - d. I am of all men most to be envied!
    - e. I will rejoice and be glad!

## Teaching our Children

- Q. When Jesus says “Blessed are those who mourn”, does he mean that those who mourn are always happy?  
A. No! Of course not!
- Q. When Jesus says “Blessed are those who mourn”, does He mean that even though people mourn, they are still joyful?  
A. No, not necessarily.
- Q. When Jesus says “Blessed are those who mourn”, He means that those who mourn have a very \_\_\_\_\_ (two words).  
A. Happy estate.
- Q. What does it mean to be someone who has a happy estate?  
A. See I. letters F.-I. with Scriptures. Apply each point to us!
- Q. How is it that we have such a happy estate? (What can explain this?)  
A. ~ Our estate is a happy one because the *kingdom of heaven* is ours (we are true citizens of the kingdom of heaven)!  
~ We live under the good and wise rule of God in Jesus Christ.  
~ **(a.) ...for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**  
    (b.) ...for they shall be **comforted**.  
    (c.) ...for they shall **inherit the earth**.  
    (d.) ...for they shall be **satisfied**.  
    (e.) ...for they shall **receive mercy**.  
    (f.) ...for they shall **see God**.  
    (g.) ...for they shall be **called sons of God**.  
**(h.) ...for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**
- Q. Sometimes we are tempted to think that our happy estate is found in what kinds of places?  
A. Being citizens of America. Having homes and possessions. Having health and long life. Having family and friends.
- Q. Can people who have a happy estate still be gloomy and feel sorry for themselves?  
A. Yes. They often do!
- Q. *Should* people who have a happy estate be gloomy and feel sorry for themselves?  
A. NO!!! They should rejoice and be glad! See Matthew 5:11-12
- Q. When we think about our happy estate, what will it help us to do (besides be joyful)?  
A. It will help us to faithfully and obediently live as citizens of the kingdom of heaven – even when it’s hard.
- Q. If we are citizens of the kingdom of heaven, what are some things that we can practice saying throughout the day?  
A. See Conclusion; C.; 3.